

CRITICAL PRE-ARRIVAL INFO!

There are two new helpful resource tools that can help you successfully plan your move. "Plan My Move" and "Military Installations" contain information on everything related to making a PCS move to Yokosuka, Japan. They can be found at <http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/moving>. Most of this information changes so often that we cannot keep up with all of it in a paper Welcome Aboard Package.

CALLING YOKOSUKA FROM THE STATES:

CAUTION: Some of the international/commercial phone contact information still showing in our various web pages has been changed. Here are the changes. For international commercial calls to Yokosuka:

If the local DSN prefix is 243-XXXX, call 011-81-46-816-XXXX (where XXXX is the last four of the DSN 7-digit number).

If the local DSN prefix is 241-XXXX, call 011-81-46-896-XXXX (where XXXX is the last four of the DSN 7-digit number).

NAVY LODGE INFORMATION:

The Navy Lodge at Yokosuka can be contacted for reservations by e-mail and by phone. You can use any of these numbers or e-mail addresses to contact the Navy Lodge for reservations. The stateside 1-800 number for Navy Lodge reservations does not allow reservations to be made at overseas facilities. Be sure to keep the Navy Lodge UPDATED on your scheduled arrival date. If you arrive on an earlier date, it is likely the Navy Lodge may not have a room available for you. If you arrive at a later date, your room reservation will have expired. This is a serious issue, and every week several people/families wind up having to seek temporary lodging elsewhere. (Note: 81 is the commercial country code for Japan. 315 is the DSN Pacific area prefix.)

Commercial: 011-81-46-816-6708

Commercial: 011-81-46-827-0080

DSN: 315-243-6708

FAX Numbers:

- * Commercial: 011-81-46-896-2381

- * DSN: 315-241-2381

E-mail: navylodge-yokosukares@nexnet.navy.mil
navy_lodge-yokosuka@nexnet.navy.mil

HOUSING INFORMATION:

The very best housing information for Yokosuka comes directly from the source. The Yokosuka Housing Office web site usually works quite well and can be found at:

<http://housing.cnfj.navy.mil>

Be sure to click on the "Navy ONE-STOP" link on the Housing main page. Navy ONE-STOP gives you an "encapsulated" overview of our current housing environment.

JUST FOR KIDS!!

Here's a website that you might enjoy exploring with your children called "Kids Web Japan". It is child-safe and contains more information than you can imagine about life in Japan off-base. The information in this site is great for "big kids" too. It's really worth a visit!

<http://web-jpn.org/kidsweb/index.html>

Here are the web sites for all of the schools on our main base.

Sullivans Elementary School: <http://www.sullivans-es.pac.dodea.edu>

Yokosuka Middle School: <http://www.yokosuka-ms.pac.dodea.edu>

Pen Pals! Read the Principal's Welcome for details!

Kinnick HS: <http://www.kinnick-hs.pac.dodea.edu>

DAYCARE/CHILDCARE INFORMATION:

Parents who are attending the mandatory AOB/ICR program should make the necessary child care arrangements prior to attending the class. Your sponsor may be able to provide information on childcare options. You may also find childcare information in the SITES DoD relocation database <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/sites>, or at the CFAY MWR child care page <http://www.cfay.navy.mil/mwr/cdc.html>

PETS INFORMATION:

Are you bringing or planning to bring pets to Japan? Here's some info on pets in Japan.

1. Pets can not ride on the official Navy buses to Yokosuka, not even in the baggage compartment. Contact your Sponsor at your gaining command for assistance or contact the Bus Transportation Liaison at cfaybus@cfay.navy.mil OR by phone internationally at 011-81-46-816-7777 or by DSN line at 315-243-7777. The bus liaison needs several days and a copy of your orders to facilitate a transportation assist.

2. Pets can not stay at the Navy Lodge (this applies to all Navy Lodges worldwide.) Contact the NEX Kennel for a reservation for pet boarding. The international number is 011-81-46-816-4530. The NEX Kennel is open 0900-1500, Monday-Friday. (Yes, someone is there on the weekend to care for the pets.) ALSO contact the Navy Lodge to let them know about your arrival with a pet. If you will arrive after the NEX Kennel is closed, the Navy Lodge can direct you to temporary alternate pet shelter.

3. Pet Import Regulations and Restrictions have changed for SOFA personnel, effective 06 June 2005. The ONLY OFFICIAL pet import information pertinent to SOFA personnel is provided online by US Army Japan District Veterinary Command, at:

<http://www.usarj.army.mil/information/shipment/pets.htm>

Click the top left link titled "Pet Import" to start with. Don't overlook the other links for "Required Documents", "Reimbursement", "Should I Bring My Pet ..." and, if applicable, "Pets From Rabies Free Areas." This website has been updated with the latest changes to US/Japan SOFA pet import requirements. DO NOT refer directly to the Japan Animal Quarantine Service web site. The information is current, of course, but it does not completely apply to SOFA personnel.

MORE INFORMATION:

Here are MORE web-based info that you should find helpful:

CFAY - Yokosuka base website: www.cfay.navy.mil

CNFJ - Naval Forces Japan: www.cnfj.navy.mil

C7F - COMSEVENTHFLEET: www.c7f.navy.mil

HRO - Civil Service Jobs: <http://hro.cnfj.navy.mil>

TIME DIFFERENCES: www.timeanddate.com *there is no daylight saving time in Japan

YOKOSUKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: <http://www.sukaichi.jp/ynb/>

All of our local websites are updated regularly, if not daily. The CFAY website has links to the weekly base newspaper, monthly MWR activities magazine, streaming media (base video, M-F newscast, etc.), an advertising scroller (with AFN radio), FFSC calendar, driving and safety info (including car buying), MWR (including Child Care) and tons more. The CNFJ website has a nice introduction to Intercultural Relations and Culture Shock, and the 7th Fleet website has fleet-based news and current events. Bookmark these links and revisit them from time to time. You can also contact us if you have some specific questions, but be sure to start a dialog with your sponsor once he or she has been assigned. The Yokosuka Chamber of Commerce has an interesting web site, offering information in English about many of the restaurants, stores and services in the Yokosuka City area, at:

<http://www.sukaichi.jp/ynb/>